



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2026
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: John Pappalardo, Groundfish Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Meeting on January 20, 2026**

On **Tuesday January 20th**, the **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** meets by **webinar** starting at **1:00 pm**.

Check the meeting notice for details or meeting webpage: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jan-20-2026-groundfish-committee-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Fishing Year 2026 Recreational Measures
2. Council Priorities for 2026
3. Other business, as necessary

Meeting Materials

Check the link in your email for the meeting materials or the meeting webpage. Contact Robin Frede (rfrerde@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 124) with questions about documents.

1. Meeting memorandum
2. Agenda
3. Presentation, Council staff
4. Recreational Measures
 - a. Summary of recent catch and effort for GOM cod and GOM haddock
 - b. Summary of recent recreational regulations and catch performance for GOM cod and GOM haddock
 - c. Presentation, NEFSC staff
5. Meeting Summaries or Motions
 - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting summary, November 17, 2025
 - b. Recreational Advisory Panel, draft meeting motions, January 20, 2026
6. Correspondence

Meeting Topics

The following table outlines the expected outcomes by topic. Please prepare motions and rationale in advance and email to rrede@nefmc.org

Expected meeting outcomes.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Fishing Year 2026 Recreational Measures</i>	3, 4a-4c	Discuss and develop recommendations to the Council on fishing year 2026 recreational measures for Western Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock	Discussion/Motions.
<i>Council's Groundfish Priorities for 2026</i>	3	Receive an overview of the Council's groundfish priorities for 2026.	None.

Upcoming Meetings

January 28-29 – Council Meeting by webinar <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/january-2026-council-meeting>